Plot to kill the Prime Minister of India in London

1862. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ :

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any plot to kill the Prime Minister during his last visit to U.K. was unearthed on the eve of his visit ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, indicating the names and details of the persons apprehended in connection therewith?

THE MINISTER OF EXTER NAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) and (b) On the eve of Prime Minister's visit to the U.K. , 15 "Khalistani" and "JKLF" extremists were arrested by the British police. Shortly after the Prime Minister's visit, 11 of them (including all the "JKLF" extremists) were released without charges. Four of them were charged, on 17th October, 1985, under the Prevention of Terrorism Act, 1974 for conspiring against the Prime Minister. One of them was additionally charged with possession of fire-arms without licence. They are :—

(1) Shri Sukhvinder Singh Gill, aged 30 years , of 26 Worthington, Highfields, Leicester.

(2) Shri Parmatma Singh Marwah, aged 43 years, of 89 Kcdlestone Road, Leicester.

(3) Shri Jarnail Singh Ranuana, aged 45 years, of 22 Gannon Street, Belgrave, Leicester.

(4) Shri Harminder Singh Rai, aged 30 years, of 177 Mere Road, Highfiekis, Leicester.

Bail for them was rejected and the accused were remanded for three weeks. They will again be produced in Court on 12 the December, 1985.

Availability of enriched uranium in Pakistan

1863. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ : DR. H.P. SHARMA : SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any assessment of the extent of enriched uranium available in Pakistan and the production capacity of that country has been made; if so, the details thereof ; and

(b) whether the U.S. Government has put certain restrictions on arms sales to Pakistan to the effect that Pakistan would not produce nuclear weapons ; if so, what is Government's information in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) Pakistan has a centrifuge enrichment plant at Kahuta. While there can be hardly any certainty about the extend of enriched uranium available in Pakistan, there are indications that it may have accumulated weapons grade uranium for a few devices.

(b) In Feb, 1982, USA waived till 1987 the prohibitions of sections 669 and 670 (Symington and Glem Amendments) to the Foreign Assistance Act (1961) for Pakistan alone to enable flow of US economic and military assistance. Earlier in 1979 the USA had cut off military and economic assistance, odier than food aid to Pakistan under the Symington amendment somcUS regulations like Sec-